

# **LOUDOUN COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL, INC.**

## **ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Monday, January 19, 2004**

The January meeting of the ALS Committee was held on January 19, 2004 with the following members in attendance:

Co. 3	A. Love	Co. 14	J. Merritt, B Ritchie
Co. 4	V. Chirechella, F Muller	Co. 15	F. Gansel
Co. 6	excused	Co. 17	R. Breton
Co. 8	excused	LCFR	Brown, Cooper, Hale, Salazar
Co. 9	K. Fraley	Chair	L. Kelly
Co. 10	T. Boan	LHC	absent
Co. 12	K. Deli	OMD/AOMD	J. Morgan
Co. 13	P. Russell		

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were approved as recorded.

Motion: Approve November 2003 minutes.

Vote: Approved

### **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Morgan discussed the use of helicopters. He also emphasized that the on line medical control determines the where a patient is transported so that units should not have an issue when transporting to Cornwall. A few incidents were discussed and Dr. Morgan is working on the issues.

### **Loudoun Hospital Center Report**

Jay Brown discussed a meeting with LHC concerning their "surge" capacity. They are working on a plan where they will be able to handle a large influx of patients.

Leo Kelly discussed an issue concerning complaints that LHC is getting about siren use at the Cornwall Campus. It was asked that units try to be prudent in the use of their siren but not to jeopardize safety.

## **Working Groups**

### **ALS Protocols**

A package of revisions, corrections and additions to the ALS Protocols, Policies and Procedures was presented to the Committee. A few minor corrections were made and the Committee approved the package to be forwarded to the EMS Council and Dr. Sabella for approval.

Motion: Approve entire package of revisions, corrections and additions to the ALS Protocols, Policies and Procedures as amended.

Vote: Approved

## **Courses**

Jamie Cooper reported:

- ALS/Paramedic Refresher with 30 students and Cardiac Technician to Intermediate Bridge with 12 students is ongoing.
- EMT-Enhanced to Intermediate Bridge is upcoming and a Training Advisory was distributed. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the advancement of students into this program.
- Discussed trying a Daytime ALS/Paramedic Refresher next year.
- ALS Challenge is February 22 and so far there is only one applicant. It was noted that no one took the ALS Challenge in December.

## **ALS Technician Status**

Fred Gansel provided a report on the status of the ALS Preceptees.

Motion: Recommend to the OMD to release:

Belinda Draugelis	Co 15	CT//P
(Was conditionally approved last month pending this meeting)		
Patty Russell	Co. 15	CT//P
Jeremy Adcock	LCFR	CT//P
Kristin Sylva	LCFR	CT//P
Michael Morisi	Co. 6	CT//P

Vote: Approved

### **ALS Technician Status (con't)**

It was noted that Bill Wilkinson, Co. 14 has requested to suspend his preceptorship as a CT/I/P. The Committee approved his request.

The following individuals were approved to be exempt from IV Skills documentation, pending approval of Dr. Sabella:

Tim Boan	Co. 10
Jonathan Whitby	Co. 17
Jack Ramsey	Co. 17

A request for a 3-month extension to preceptorship (CT/I/P) for Gary Corpuz, Co. 6 was approved.

### **Old Business**

It was noted that there are still major problems occurring with the new LifePak 12 batteries. Jay Brown is to contact George Buchanan of Medtronic Physio-Control to provide an immediate solution.

Jack Merritt asked about the status of the Local Authorization cards. He was advised that the Commission had discussed this and that Jeff Fletcher is working on a few samples to review for approval.

### **New Business**

ALS Skills maintenance was discussed and the policies were reviewed.

Motion: Change the policies to permit the skills to be signed off by a provider at or above the level of the technician.

Vote: A roll call vote was called for with Co. 9 and 14 voting for the motion, Co. 3,4,12,13,15,17 and LCFR voting against the motion and Co. 10 abstaining.

The motion failed 2-7-1

The Chairman appointed Fred Muller, Randy Breton and Tim Boan to a Work Group to address any concerns about the current method and to bring recommended changes to the next meeting.